

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge Allen W. Wallace
for meritorious service to the 23rd Judicial District
as Circuit Judge and Chancellor.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the members of this General Assembly to salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as eminent jurists of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body has both the opportunity and responsibility to honor those citizens who in their years of public service have performed with uncommon dedication and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, One such remarkable person is Judge Allen W. Wallace, who was born and raised in Dover, Tennessee as one of 21 children; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wallace, a graduate of Stewart County High School and Austin Peay State University, served with great valor and acumen in the United States Army as a member of Army Intelligence with the 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, While working full-time as an insurance adjuster, Judge Wallace entered the YMCA School of Law in Nashville in 1963; after graduating from law school and passing the bar,

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he began practicing law in Humphreys County in 1968, a profession he pursued with acumen and devotion for 20 years before beginning his meritorious service on the bench; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, he was elected Circuit Judge for the 23rd Judicial District, serving Stewart, Houston, Humphreys, Dickson, and Cheatham Counties and also hearing cases in Chancery Court throughout the 23rd District; after his initial election, he never faced opposition for his judgeship, as his service record was exemplary and his reputation beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wallace has served with passionate commitment on the bench, and the people appearing before his court have been well-served by Judge Wallace's devotion to justice and his insistence upon fairness and equity under the law for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years of service to the State of Tennessee, Judge Wallace has proven himself to be a gifted attorney, dedicated jurist, consummate gentleman, and loyal citizen, earning the praise of members of the Bench and Bar alike; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wallace has evidenced qualities of extraordinary citizenship through his long-standing involvement with the Masons as a dual member of the Lineport Lodge and George Hillman Lodge, receiving his 32nd Degree in 1969, being named to the Knights Commander Court of Honour in 1989, and receiving his 33rd Degree in 2001; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his judicial service, Judge Wallace has found time to lend his remarkable talents to several notable causes, having served as a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America, on the Board of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, as the State Vice President of the Jaycees and as the Humphreys County Chairman of the Heart Fund; and

WHEREAS, Judge Allen W. Wallace epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wallace is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Patsy Williams Wallace, their three children, Ramona Rychen, Kimberly Hayes,

and Allen W. Wallace, Jr., and their five grandchildren, Lynda Rychen, Jacob Rychen, Samuel Hayes, Allen W. Wallace, III, and Nathan Wallace; and

WHEREAS, Judge Allen W. Wallace has been appointed to Senior Judge status, a part-time appointment that will place him among an elite group of four judges state-wide, and will no longer be serving as Circuit Judge and Chancellor for the 23rd Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, We wish to grasp this golden opportunity to expressly recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Judge Wallace for his dedication to justice and equity under the law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Judge Allen W. Wallace for his laudable and astute service to the State of Tennessee as Circuit Judge and Chancellor for the 23rd Judicial District, salute his distinguished career as a jurist, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.